ModernStats World Workshop 2020

Information Notice No. 1

The workshop will be held in Belgrade, Serbia from 24 to 26 June 2020.

I.   PURPOSE AND TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE WORKSHOP

1.   The UNECE High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS) oversees and coordinates international work relating to statistical modernisation and promotes standard-based modernisation of official statistics.

2.   Under the auspice of the HLG-MOS, several models have been developed to support modernising the production of official statistics. The Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organizations (GAMSO), Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM), Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM), and Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA) are the cornerstones of the standards-based modernisation vision of the HLG-MOS. Collectively these are called the "ModernStats" models.

3.   The ModernStats models are used by many organisations across the world. Some organisations use one of the models, some use more than one and others are just beginning to implement the ModernStats models in their organisations.

4.   The workshop aims to progress works on development and maintenance of the ModernStats models and provide a ModernStats models user platform. In particular, the workshop will:
- Promote the new developments of the ModernStats models and related works;
- Increase the understanding of the models and interrelationships between them;
- Facilitate the sharing of experiences, ideas and plans for modernising statistical production by implementing the models;
- Identify opportunities for international collaboration activities.

5.   The target audience of the workshop includes staff of statistical organisations who are responsible for developing, implementing and promoting standards-based modernisation of producing statistics as well as those using or thinking about using models for the modernisation of statistical production.

II.   PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP

6.   The programme of the workshop will consist of the following four themes. The workshop will include various interactive activities such as small group discussion, foot-voting, sprints, etc. Activities to share plans and stimulate collaborative works are also foreseen. To better engage the participants, a "bring your own problem" survey will be sent out before the workshop to ask what practical problems/issues organisations have in using the ModernStats models.

(i)   ModernStats World – Introduction

The workshop will start with a half-day introduction to the ModernStats models. Under this theme, an overview of ModernStats models (i.e. GAMSO, GSBPM, GSIM and CSPA) as well as implementation tools such as the Modernisation Maturity Models (MMM) and the MMM Roadmap, and other relevant tools such as Quality Indicators for GSBPM, will be provided. Although this introduction is primarily intended for new-comers who are not familiar with the models, it would also provide an opportunity to

those who are experienced with certain models but not all of the models to learn more about the other models.

(ii) ModernStats World – New Developments

The ModernStats World is constantly evolving. The ModernStats models are revised every 5 years to reflect changes of the environment in which statistical organisations operate. New tools are continuously developed to supplement the models and/or support the implementation of the models (e.g. MMM, GSBPM Quality Indicators). Under this theme, new developments related to the ModernStat models developed under HLG Modernisation Groups or HLG Projects will be presented and discussed (e.g. updates in CSPA Catalogue, Linking GSBPM and GSIM, Alignment of GSBPM Overarching Process with GAMSO, Geospatial view of GSBPM). Any organisation or group working on international collaborative projects to supplement/support the ModernStats models are welcome to present the results of their works.

(iii) ModernStats World - Implementing the Models

The version 1.0 of the first ModernStats model (i.e. GSBPM) was released in 2008, subsequently GSIM, CSPA and GAMSO were released. Over the decade, the use of the models is spreading across the world. Under this theme, organisations that have implemented model(s) can share their experience. Contributions could include the following topics:
- How did the organisation begin to use ModernStats models;
- How was the model implemented, what barriers were encountered during the implementation and how were they overcome (e.g. internal resistance, technical problem, lack of specification);
- How was the model used for new ways of producing statistics (e.g. machine learning, integration with geospatial information) and what challenges were experienced;
- How was the importance of the model communicated to different audience or user groups (e.g. senior management, IT, substantive specialists);
- What benefits were experienced in using the model (e.g. better communication in your organisation);
- How can multiple models be implemented and used together;
- What challenges and opportunities were experienced when implementing the models together.

(iv) ModernStats World – Market Place

The ModernStats models support standard-based modernisation and aim to facilitate sharing of services, tools and ideas. This theme will provide "market place" for dialogue, learning from each other and interacting with the members of the ModernStats community. The contribution under this theme can be informal (e.g. poster, A4 print-outs, or software demonstration) covering the following topics:
- Description of an existing or future service that you propose;
- Stating the need for a common service or an idea for shared project;
- Presentation of how your organisation is dealing with standardisation challenges or introduction of best practice in implementation of the standards discussed in the workshop;
- Question or an idea about how to engage with the ModernStats models or participate in the community.

III.   PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION

7.   Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations and of interested international organisations are welcome to participate in the workshop. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organisation.

8.   National statistical organisations and international organisations can make contribution in any format (e.g. giving presentation, conducting training or sprint, running small discussion, etc.) as long as they are in line with the themes described in Section II. For details about the deadlines, please see Section V below.

9.   All workshop participants should register by **12 June 2020** by completing the on-line registration form at http://indico.un.org/e/MWW2020

10.   Participants attending the workshop are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Serbian Embassy in the country in which the participant resides, with a reference to the UNECE ModernStats World Workshop 2020. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the UNECE secretariat (contact UNECE secretariat choii@un.org by 11 May 2020).

IV.   TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

11.   Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The UNECE secretariat cannot provide any financial support for travel or accommodation. More details about logistics (transport from the airport, etc.) will be provided in Information Notice No.2.

V.   DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

12.   The working language of the workshop is English. All contributions should, therefore, be submitted in English only. If the contribution is in presentation format, it should normally accompany a paper (2-4 pages or longer depending on the subject). Full guidelines for contribution will be given following the acceptance of abstracts/proposals.

13.   If you want to make a contribution to the workshop, following deadlines and requirements apply (submission to UNECE secretariat choii@un.org):
   (i) A short abstract/proposals of the proposed contribution should be submitted by **10 April 2020** (please use the abstract template available on: https://statswiki.unece.org/x/LoI8E).
   (ii) For presentations, written paper (2-4 pages or longer depending on the content) should be submitted in word or pdf format by **19 May 2020.**
   (iii) Presentation slides, videos or training/sprint materials should be submitted by **12 June 2020**.

14.   All documents will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following wiki page: https://statswiki.unece.org/x/LoI8E

15.   Participants are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the workshop. Documents posted on the website before the workshop will not be distributed in the conference room.

VI.   FURTHER INFORMATION

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